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FREE BRIDGE PETITION FORMALLY DISMISSED BY THE COUNTY COURT

Judge McIlvaine Sustains Demurrer in Charleroi-Monessen Case

CONNECTS NO PUBLIC ROADS

Bridge Built by Private Capital And Road is Arranged to Suit—Opinion and the Decree Explain Reasons For Dismissal

Judge J. A. McIlvaine, in an important adjudication handed down Saturday, in the matter of the petition of certain taxpayers to make the Monessen-Charleroi bridge a county bridge and free from tolls, the court sustains the demurrer of the owners, the Mercantile Bridge Co., to the proceedings. The court also revokes the order heretofore made appointing viewers and the petition for the freeing of the bridge is dismissed. The petition was filed under the act of May 8, 1876, its amendments and supplements thereto. The court rules that, under all the law and facts, the court would not be warranted in appointing viewers, and if they reported favorably, in decreeing the bridge a county structure. The bridge in question crosses the Monongahela river from North Charleroi to Monessen. The Mercantile Bridge Co., were the bridge made free, would claim \$1,000,000 damages.

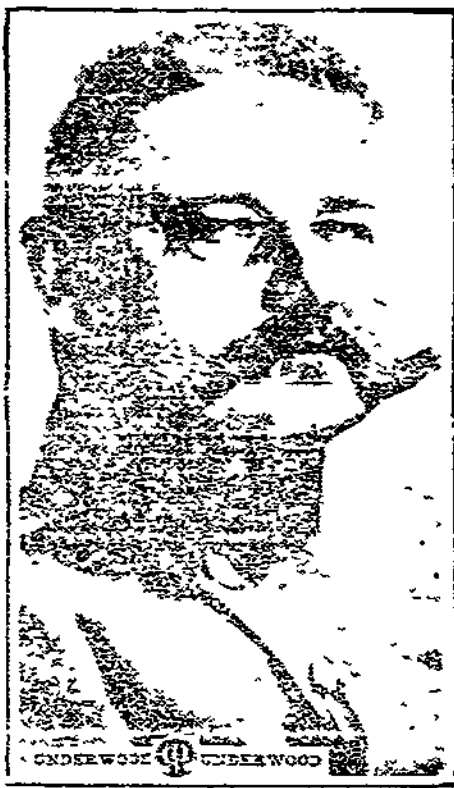
The question before the court for decision was: "Are the facts set forth in the petition filed in the light of the facts admitted at the hearing sufficient to warrant the court in appointing viewers and if they report favorably to decree the bridge of the Mercantile Bridge Co. a county bridge."

The court heard arguments on the question Friday. The court's opinion after citing the petition, is as follows:

The bridge which is sought in this proceeding to have made a county bridge 1997 feet long, including its two approaches which are together over 100 feet; or in other words, Lincoln avenue in North Charleroi Borough in Washington County, on which one end of the bridge opens is 1,997 feet from Clarendon Avenue in Rostraver Township, Westmoreland County, on which the other end of the bridge opens—each of these avenues running parallel with the Monongahela River over which part of the bridge is built. The blue print which was submitted at the argument and filed by agreement of the parties as showing the true location and surroundings of this bridge and these avenues and of the Monongahela River, reveals the fact that the two spans of the bridge over the river are only 805 feet long and there is a span of the bridge 526 feet long between the west bank of the river and Lincoln avenue in North Charleroi, and a span of the bridge 666 feet long between the east bank of the river and Clarendon Avenue in Rostraver Township, and that the bridge between the river and these two avenues on either side is built over two railroad tracks the Pittsburgh & Lake Erie on the Westmoreland county side and the Monongahela Division of the Pennsylvania Railroad on the Washington County side. This toll bridge was built by the Mercantile Bridge Company for the use of an electric

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Germany's Idol



"Let Hindenburg answer" was the cry of the German press when the news was received that the Entente had refused to consider the suggestion for a peace conference. Field Marshal Von Hindenburg is looked on as a superman in Germany and no task is considered too difficult for his genius. Certainly no commander on either side stands out so prominently as this German general who was on the reared list when the war broke out. He is given full credit for the Teuton victories in Russia and Rumania. Many Germans believe that he will yet convince the Allies of the futility of trying to break through the Germans' western front.

TWENTY-NINE IN DIVORCE LIST

Only Three Refused Separation by Court Saturday at Washington

LOCAL COUPLES SEPARATED

Twenty-nine divorces were granted and three were refused in decrees handed down by Judge R. W. Irwin Saturday. The cases were recently submitted to the court on testimony taken before the examiners. Two of those refused were refused because the libels were found defective and libellants are given the right to start proceedings anew. One is refused because the court finds the testimony does not support the averments.

Those from Charleroi to whom divorces were granted were: Rosella Borgman from William T. Borgman, desertion; Catherine G. Zettle from Frank Zettle, cruel and barbarous treatment; Ellen Crispin Neill from James Neill, cruel and barbarous treatment.

R. T. Ellenberger has returned from the Allegheny General hospital at Pittsburgh where he went through an operation and is convalescing rapidly.

Large cotton blankets tan only not shoddy per pair \$1.25 Kirk & Clark's. 178-42

CHARGES OF HAZING UNPROVEN BY FATHER

Involuntary Manslaughter Charge Against Four Roscoe Men in Causing Death of Charles Otto Is Not Substantiated

A case that for a time during the forepart of December threatened to seriously involve a number of members of the Eclipse mine at Roscoe, due to the alleged hazing of Charles Otto, has been closed. Justice of the Peace Joe T. S. Cowen of Roscoe Saturday night heard a case of involuntary manslaughter against four men accused by the boy's father of the hazing. They were discharged. The four men were Steve Maykuth, William Schultz, Ray Hazelbaker and Earl Matthewson.

It was alleged by the boy's father, who was represented by counsel, that on his death bed the young man made statements charging the four with being principals in hazing with him as the victim. The father alleged that it was the hazing that caused his death. Coroner James T. Heffran who investigated at the time found that death was due to spinal meningitis. The boy's death occurred December 14.

CHARLEROI RATED AS FIRST-CLASS SCHOOL

Former Superintendent Pentz, Who Is Now State High School Inspector Completes Classification—Eight in County First Class.

Charleroi high school is a first-class high school, according to the rating of State High School Inspector James G. Pentz, who formerly was superintendent of the Charleroi schools. He has completed his county classification for the years 1915 and 1916.

According to the classification, all first-class high schools are those that have a four-years' course and not less than nine months of school. It depends somewhat on the number of teachers and the equipment, also. First-class high schools cannot have less than three teachers.

The high schools in the county that are rated as first-class are Washington, East Washington, Morris, Centerville, Charleroi, Donora, McDonald and Burgettstown. Nearby high schools have been rated as follows: Claysville, second class; West Bethlehem at Scenery Hill, second class; West Alexander, North Strabane High schools and Hopewell are rated as third-class.

TWO CHARLEROI MEN IN ELECTORAL COLLEGE

Kerfoot W. Daly and Samuel C. Todd Two Citizens From Here Who Vote Directly For Hughes—Few Boroughs Have Similar Honor.

Charleroi probably was the only borough its size in the country to have two citizens as members of an electoral college voting for Charles Evans Hughes for president of the United States. The two were Kerfoot W. Daly, who was duly elected to the place last November, and Samuel C. Todd, state controller, who substituted for an elector.

Miss Jacobs to Entertain Miss Hester Jacobs will entertain the missionary society of the First Presbyterian church at her home on Washington avenue Tuesday evening. Leaders will be Mrs. George Woodhall and Mrs. A. J. Whipkey.

Speaks of Mohammedanism Prof. C. McNary of the high school faculty delivered a talk at high school this morning on "The Third Great Religion, Mohammedanism." He gained his knowledge firsthand while a teacher at Cairo, Egypt.

AGED WOMAN DIES AT THE HOME OF HER SON

Mrs. Elizabeth Pieri, 80 Years Old Expires at 10:30 O'clock Sunday Evening—Funeral to be Held Tuesday Afternoon

Mrs. Elizabeth Pieri, aged 80 years, died Sunday night at 10:30 o'clock at the home of her son, Gayton Pieri, of 323 Fallowfield avenue. She was one of the oldest residents of the community and a well known woman among the Italian people. Surviving are two sons and two daughters. The funeral will be held Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the Mother of Sorrows church. Interment will be in Calvary cemetery.

WILL MAKE EFFORT TO TABULATE STATISTICS OF HIGHWAY EXPENSE

When the road supervisors of Washington county gather at Washington Thursday, January 25 an effort will be made to get accurate statistics on the expense incurred in keeping up the dirt highways.

Secretary C. I. McDonald of the Road Supervisors Association of Washington county, has announced that when the roll is called at the annual convention the president or secretary of each township is requested to give the average cost per mile of keeping up the dirt roads in his district during the past year. Such figures will be unusually interesting to roads enthusiasts.

The executive committee of the supervisors' association at a recent meeting appointed the following men as members of the resolution committee which is to report at the convention on January 25: J. F. Smith, Donegal township; Clark Tilton, Robinson township; A. J. Smith, West Bethlehem township; J. M. Chestnut, Chartiers township and Joseph M. Carlisle, Mt. Pleasant township.

D. L. WILLIAMS, FORMER CLERK OF COURTS, DIES

David Lewis Williams, clerk of courts of Washington county from 1906 to 1912, died Sunday morning at 6 o'clock at his home at McDonald of pneumonia, aged 53 years. He was taken ill a week ago last Wednesday, and up to that time had had good health. He had improved the past week, but Thursday night took a turn for the worse and remained in critical condition until the end.

AGED WOMAN, DEFENDER OF RACE, FATALLY BURNED AT GRATE FIRE

The "Little Welshman" Mrs. Sarah Barzior, Aged 90, in Dying Condition at Hospital



OWNED NUMBER OF HOMES

Would Rent Only to Negroes, Maintaining They Were Gradually Being Driven From Best Sections Unable to Account For Age.

Mrs. Sarah Barzior, an aged and well-to-do colored woman of Monongahela is reported to be in a dying condition at the Memorial hospital, that city, from burns she sustained while burning paper in a fire place of her home at 914 Chess street Sunday. She is 90 years old or more, being unable to account for her exact age.

Mrs. Barzior was lifting paper from a coal bucket into the fire and had occasion to turn her back. Her dress caught. She rushed to the open air and threw herself into the snow. Neighbors who witnessed something of the accident hurried to her assistance. They had her removed immediately to the hospital. Her worst burns are on her back.

The woman owns two or three valuable properties in a good neighborhood of Monongahela, that she rents only to colored people, maintaining that gradually they are being driven from the best neighborhood. She has no immediate relatives and has been living alone.

WORKING HARD TO SAVE GIRL

Doctors Engaged in Valiant Battle to Combat Effects of Bichloride

CONDITION IS UNCHANGED

Every possible effort is being made by the doctors to save Mrs. Amel Govenen of First street from death from bichloride of mercury poisoning. Mrs. Govenen is said to have taken two tablets of stuff about ten days ago, though from what reason is not known.

Upon swallowing the poison she was given antidotes that brought on vomiting and later a doctor was called. If her life is saved it will be because of the prompt treatment accorded her. Today, according to the report of her attending physician the girl's condition was practically the same as it has been the last few days. The girl seems anxious to get well and has little to say about the poisoning.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Jobs of Fredericktown spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. John W. Jobs of Lookout avenue.

Men's fleeced shirts or drawers in ribbed or plain all sizes 49c each at Kirk & Clark's. 178-42

PATENT EXTINGUISHERS ARE EFFECTIVE IN CHECKING FIRE

Prompt use of Pyrene extinguishers prevented what otherwise might have been a serious fire in an automobile at the Elite garage Sunday noon. Backfire is supposed to have caused the blaze, which centered around the mechanical part. A fire alarm was sent in, but the car was run out of garage and the blaze extinguished outside. The damage will total about \$100, covered by insurance. Guy Woodward was the owner of the car.

11-4 Wool blankets in grey, pink, blue or tan plaids special value \$2.50 per pair at Kirk & Clark's. 178-42.

EIGHTEEN CONVERTS AT THE WASHINGTON AVENUE SERVICES

Revival services which have been in progress in the Washington Avenue Presbyterian church since January 7 reached a climax Sunday, when three largely attended services were held. The converts for the day totaled 18.

SEVERAL HURT BY FALLS ON ICY WALKS SATURDAY

Several people suffered from falls on the icy sidewalks and streets Saturday night, and some were severely injured. Among them was Mrs. Campbell of shovel row who sustained a broken wrist.

Fleecy lined kimono and dressing jackets \$1.25 values going for 87c at Kirk & Clark's. 178-42

J. K. Tener, Pres. S. A. Walton, Vice Pres. R. H. Rush, Cashier.

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Blanket Time

Be prepared for this cold weather. Get heavy comforts and woolen blankets and put them on your beds then open wide the windows, keep warm but breathe the fresh cold air. It is the best preventative of colds and the dreadful diseases that result from breathing the unclean air of closed bed rooms.

COMFORTS

In the line of comforts we can supply your wants with good clean dependable merchandise and at the prices we are selling them at today they are double valuable to you. **\$1.25 to \$5.00**

BLANKETS

We always sell a large amount of Cotton Blankets they do not cost so much and are very good—warm, serviceable blankets, range at **\$1 to 3.50**

WOOL BLANKETS

When it comes to wool blankets we certainly do believe in quality. If a blanket lasts 15 or 20 years it deserves to be a good one to begin with and we know many of our blankets that have had twenty years of continuous wear. The foreign wools have nearly cleaned up the wools of the world, better be wise and get your blankets right now. We still have a large stock of the good old reliable kind we have always sold. But when we buy again they will be much higher if we are indeed able to purchase them at any price. **3.95 to 8.00**

Clearance Prices on all Ladies' Suits and Coats
All Children's Coats and Furs at Clearance Prices

J. W. BERRYMAN & SON

"Charleroi's Live Store"

PERSONALS

Miss Lottie Kurpjuweit has gone to Warren, Ohio, where she will visit for two weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Warren Kinder visited with relatives at Braddock, Sunday.

Roy Donaldson of McKean avenue spent Saturday and Sunday with his uncle, Mr. Emrick, of Northside, Pittsburgh.

Mrs. James Frew of Crest avenue is visiting with her mother, Mrs. Emma Vance of Connellsville.

Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Wise of Washington avenue gave a dinner Sunday in honor of their 48th wedding anniversary. Mr. and Mrs. John H. Ellenberger were the honor guests.

Mr. and Mrs. George Barnett of Uniontown visited with relatives in Charleroi Sunday.

Mr. S. Corbet of Hagerstown, Md., and A. D. Kightlinger of Washington spent Sunday at the home of Mrs. H. Wingett on Washington avenue.

Miss Elizabeth Fraw of Crest avenue is visiting with Mrs. H. D. Mason of Pittsburgh.

Miss Ruth Majors of Donora visited with friends in Charleroi Sunday.

R. W. Thomas and Lloyd Borland of Monongahela visited with Charleroi friends Sunday.

Mrs. S. W. Sharpneck and daughter Ruth have gone to Washington to visit with relatives.

M. M. McDermott of Carrick spent Sunday with his parents Mr. and Mrs. Thomas McDermott, Sr., of Crest avenue.

Miss Delta Green has returned to her home at McKeesport after visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Barnett of Meadow avenue.

Herbert Steinman of Brownsville was a caller in Charleroi Monday.

Boyd Smith of Millsboro spent Sunday with his daughter Mrs. Frank Donaldson of McKean avenue.

Miss Margaret McDermott, a teacher in the Beallsville schools, spent Sunday with her parents Mr. and Mrs. Thomas McDermott of Crest avenue.

Constable George Stabile is able to be out after an illness of nearly a week of pneumonia.

Rev. B. N. Axmacher, former assistant pastor of St. Jerome's church and now pastor at Thompson run is suffering from an attack of grip.

Basketball

The Charleroi Scholastics traveled to Leechburg and met defeat at the hands of the strong Independent team of that town. The final score was 26 to 31. This defeat is not a disgrace as Leechburg has defeated the Coffey club, Dinwiddie club, Pittsburg Scholastics, New Castle and many others. January 20 the Scholastics will meet the South Side team at South Side. Lineup: Charleroi—31. Leechburg—36. Harold (Capt) F. Sproull. Phillips F. Rose (Capt). W. Phillips C. Lee. Balmer G. J. Sproull. Tippets G. Scott. Field goals—Harold 4, Phillips 2, W. Phillips 3, Tippets 2, Balmer, Rose 4, Sproull 6, Lee, J. Sproull 2. Fouls—Sproull 10, Phillips 7. Referee—McCullum.

UNIONTOWN THEATRES ARE ROBBED DURING BLIZZARD

Safe blowers entered the Lyric and Penn theatres, on the Main street at Uniontown Sunday morning blew open three safes and escaped with \$1,300 and valuable papers. The theatres are within 200 feet of each other. The robbery was committed during a raging blizzard.

TRY A CLASSIFIED WANT AD

Personal Accounts

Interest-bearing and subject to check, are solicited, by this Bank. A check-book in your pocket with a balance to your credit, gives you the EXACT CHANGE. A LEGAL RECEIPT, and if lost it is no more than losing so much blank paper.

Bank of Charleroi
Charleroi, Pa.

GREG WINS OVER ED. COLEMAN OF OHIO BY THE KNOCKOUT ROUTE

Eddie Coleman of Lima, Ohio, did not last long before the terrific onslaught of Harry Greb of Pittsburgh Saturday in the main attraction of the boxing show at the Charleroi rink. Coleman was knocked out in the second round.

In the first round Greb kept the Ohio man on the run, the latter being entirely unable to keep up the pace set by the Pittsburgher. The end came near the conclusion of the second when Greb landed a well located blow to his groggy opponent's jaw. The count was taken by Coleman.

Fourteen hundred people approximately saw the evening's arguments. William Riley refereed, performing his difficult task with his customary fairness and ability.

The semi-final was a torrid affair between Harry Henderson of Donora and Johnny Fundy of Pittsburgh who tonight fights Dick Loadman at Pittsburgh. Henderson led the battle nearly all the way through the struggle and only toward the last did Fundy show signs of his widely advertised ability. Plainly according to the verdict of the fans was Henderson the winner of the affair.

Young Pincho of Charleroi and Jack Lightning of Pittsburgh who substituted for Trixie Brennan, met in the second show of the evening. Lightning took a good trouncing from the clever Pincho in their six rounds that they fought.

Young Demarco and Young Friday both of Charleroi fought a nicely balanced four round draw.

The next show will be staged on January 27, when Marty Henderson of Donora will meet up with Tonghey Murray of Ambridge. Eddie Wimler will appear against a good opponent in the semi final.

A teaspoonful of fresh herbs and leaves in a cup of hot water and you have a natural medicine for stomach, liver and bowels. Relieves headaches, sour stomach and constipation. Hollister's Rocky Mountain Tea. Not drastic, does not gripe. Henning's Drug Store.

School Board to Meet.

The school board is to hold a regular meeting tomorrow evening, when regular business will be considered.

FREAK TREES.

Heavy Snowstorms Often Cause Bent and Twisted Trunks.

To the person who is not versed in forest lore the grotesquely bent tree trunks that are to be found in almost all woods are mystifying, and wonder is often aroused as to the cause.

Foresters will tell questioners that in the case of trees in mountainous country and other sections where the snowfall is heavy the weight of snow is responsible in most instances for the queer twists they assume.

When a tree is young the weight of snow that falls on its branches often bends the trunk over until it is flattened to the ground. Sometimes it is buried under six or eight feet of snow and held in that position so long that when the weather comes the tree fails to spring back into its normal position.

The summer sun causes the tip of the young tree to turn upward, and if it manages to withstand the weight of the snow of the next winter that portion of the tree will, as a general rule, continue to grow in a normal way. "Hoopla" bends and other odd shapes result.

A curious tree stands on the top of Tunnel Hill, Johnstown, Pa., about four miles from town. It is a sugar maple about 100 years old, which has prolonged its own life by grafting a branch into a much younger tree. Popular Science Monthly.

VAMPIRE BATS OF PERU.

These Bloodsucking Animals Have Bulldog Heads.

On the morning after our arrival at San Miguel bridge (Peru) the pack mules nearly all showed blood blotches on their withers and backs, where they had been attacked during the night by vampire bats which had fed on their blood. This bat, *Desmodus rotundus*, is plentifully distributed throughout Peru in altitudes below 10,000 feet.

It is one of the most highly specialized species of existing bats. The lower jaw is decidedly undershot, and the head, with its short cropped ears and broad muzzle, has a strikingly bulldog appearance. The legs are well developed and rather heavy, enabling the animal to move fairly rapidly on the ground, in which situation it is by no means the shuffling, helpless creature like many other bats. If molested when thrown to the ground it will turn and bite savagely.

The teeth are a highly modified cutting apparatus for making incisions in the skins of mammals and birds.

In habits they are sociable and are commonly found living in caves or tunnels, suspended from the ceiling in clusters often of immense size. National Geographic Magazine.

The Food of the Cod.

The cod has the reputation of being an omnivorous as the fish whose appetite for posters and tin cans is the subject of frequent jests. The varied nature of what the cod swallows is not more remarkable than the enormous quantity. According to a writer in the Scotsman, such articles as silver brooches, clasp knives, books and rubber balls have been found in its stomach. One fisherman of Aberdeen has a stone that weighs more than a pound, taken from a cod that had swallowed it for the sea anemones with which it was covered. The same fisherman has also found specimens of almost all the stalk eyed crustaceans that frequent the northern coast of Scotland and of every kind of fish that a cod can master, including its own young. Cod have been known to swallow partridges, guillemots and hares.

Alder Dye.

For the purpose of making dyes the common alder appears to have been unnoticed by the pioneers of this country, who made use of so many barks and roots. However, it was well known to the Indians, who used it to good effect. It dyes a reddish color, and down to a few years ago was employed by natives of the northwest Pacific coast in coloring their fish nets. Alder dye, used for the same purpose, is said to be the oldest recorded dye in the world. It is mentioned in the Kalevala of Finland, supposed to date nearly 3,000 years ago.

Good Talker.

"You talk well on the subject in which you are most interested," said the impertinent girl.

"And what is that?" asked the man, scenting a compliment.

"Yourself!" said the impertinent girl demurely.—London Answers.

Lots of Turns.

Johnnie—I ain't goin' to school anymore. Just because I snickered a little the teacher turned me over to the principal, and the principal turned me over to pa. Mother—Was that all? Johnnie—No; pa just turned me over his knee.—American Boy.

The Eternal Feminine.

"Here I have to go and be bored to death at that horrid Mrs. Jiggers' just on account of my husband's perversity."

"Did he tell you you should go?"

"No; he told me I shouldn't!"—Baltimore American.

Universal Language.

Blobs—Do you think we shall ever have a universal language? Blobs—We have now, when money talks.—Philadelphia Record.

Rubbing It In.

Bob—Perhaps we had better forget one another! Res—Oh, I couldn't do that. I have so few things to laugh about!—Puck.

OUR GOLD PIECES

They Once Figured In an Odd Way In the Jewelry Trade.

WENT INTO THE MELTING POT.

Their Common Use For Manufacturing Purposes Alarmed Uncle Sam, and He Quickly Cured the Evil by "Peppering" the Coins With Iridium.

An old time manufacturing jeweler told how the United States government had some forty odd years ago the melting up of twenty dollar gold pieces by persons who wished to use the metal in the manufacture of gold jewelry.

In those days it was the custom of many of the jewelry makers to use these coins instead of buying fine gold as a matter of convenience. So they went to a mint and got twenty dollar gold pieces, or ten dollar ones, for that matter, to supply sufficient metal for the work in hand. The gold pieces were of a fine quality, but they were absolutely pure gold. It was not difficult for the jewelers to melt them up and add the necessary alloys to produce the degree of fineness desired for the jewelry they were going to make.

"However," says the jeweler, "it was not long after this practice became more or less general that the government authorities began to wonder what was becoming of the twenty dollar gold coins. They began missing the ten dollar ones, too, but the disappearance of the former was by far the more rapid. The officials did not think that the people of the country were hoarding the gold, because most of the smaller coins remained in circulation. So a quiet investigation was begun, and it was not long before it was discovered that the makers of gold jewelry were melting them up for trade purposes.

"Having found the cause, it was not difficult for the officials to effect a cure. They did it by 'peppering' the twenty dollar coins with iridium, which is not altogether unlike black emery in the crude state, requiring a heat of 3,542 degrees F. to melt it. Gold, of the other hand, can be melted at 1,913 degrees F. From this it is easy to see that the unsuspecting manufacturer melting up gold pieces at the temperature required, got a number of unmelted specks of iridium in his metal when he let it cool. This made trouble when the metal was worked up.

"At the time this was being done, there was a great vogue for fine Etruscan work in solid gold, which required a perfectly smooth surface in order to be produced properly. Imagine the dismay of the jewelers, therefore, when they found the much needed smooth surface dotted here and there with little pepper-like specks of iridium. To leave them in meant that the decorative work could not be done properly and to take them out meant leaving the piece pockmarked with tiny holes. It was not long before the gold pieces whether they contained iridium or not, were eyed with suspicion by the manufacturers, who then secured their metal from other sources.

"Another way in which iridium caused some trouble for the gold jewelry trade had its birth in the assay office. While it was not often the case, it was not a rare thing up until about ten years ago to find a sprinkling of iridium in the fine gold purchased from the government assayer. While this might possibly have been avoided by a little more care on the part of the persons who had charge of preparing the scrap metal for refining, it was generally regarded in the trade as accidental. It happened because the clips and filings that were turned in for refining by the makers of gold pens contained tiny bits of iridium, which because of its hardness is used for tipping the pens. This does not happen any more.

"Twenty dollar gold pieces figured in another interesting way in the old days in the jewelry trade, but in a way that affected the trade much more indirectly than directly. Knowing that a good price could be had for scrap gold from the refiners, the gold probably finding an ultimate purchaser in the jewelry trade, unscrupulous persons had several ways of obtaining this scrap and still leaving enough of the coins to pass them on unsuspecting purchasers as banks that were not careful enough to weigh them when they were tendered.

"One way of doing this was to strip a coin by putting it into an electrochemical bath, getting thereby a slight residue of gold on a copper plate, which was afterward melted and the metals separated. This method was not very popular, as it had a tendency to discolor the coin.

"One of the most successful schemes was the use of a specially prepared male and female die. The diameter of the die was about one one-thousandth of an inch smaller than the diameter of the coin, and it was so made that after the resultant rim of metal was cut off the milled edges remained. The gold thus obtained from a single twenty dollar coin was probably worth about 50 cents, and the coin itself, to all appearances, had not been tampered with. When the practice was discovered the banks installed scales on which they weighed gold coins before accepting them."—New York Times.

An Unlucky Number Seven.

Wife (during the spat)—I wasn't anxious to marry you. I refused you six times. Hub—Yes, and then my luck gave out.—Boston Transcript.

When a man falls back on oaths he declares himself out of arguments.

SLIPPERY CONDITION OF HILL

CAUSES TROUBLE DURING FUNERAL

Owing to the slippery condition of Third street leading from the hill, some trouble was experienced during a funeral Sunday afternoon. The funeral was that of Mike Yanavich, who was killed in a local coal mine. When the procession turned into Third street from Crest avenue horses began to slip. Some of them fell. Those in the cab walked down the hill and thus protected themselves from danger.

Cotton filled comforts liberal size and pretty silklike coverings at \$2.00 Kirk & Clark's. 178-12

LARGE CONGREGATIONS ATTEND

METHODIST SUNDAY SERVICES

The congregation that attended the church at both services, Rev. C. A. Hartung preached stirring sermons that won converts at the Methodist Episcopal church Sunday morning and evening. His morning sermon topic was "Why should I join the church?" and evening, "Hell, is there such a place." Decision day was observed in the Sunday school. Conversions were made in the evening when the invitation was given. Services will be continued this week each night but tonight.

YOUNG PINCHO TO MEET YOUNG

CIRCUS AT JOHNSTOWN TONIGHT

Young Pincho, who is coming to the front as a boxer under the management of James Buchanan is to appear at Johnstown tonight against Young Circus of Pittsburgh in a show the main event of which will be a fight between Frankie Daily of Latrobe and Barney McGuire of Johnstown. The two Demarco brothers of Charleroi will fight the opening exhibition attraction.

Brunnell Child Dies

The infant child of Mr. and Mrs. George Brunelle of 919 Fallowfield avenue is dead. The funeral will be held this afternoon and interment will be in the Calvary cemetery.

Not Digestible.

Tramp—Please, ma'am, will you give me a bite to eat? Lady—I haven't anything cooked, but I can give you a pair of old shoes. Tramp—Excuse me, ma'am, but I'm no goat.

Violent.

"Was her father violent when you asked him for her hand?" "Was he? Great guns! I thought he'd shake my hand off!"—London Saturday Journal.

On the Quiet.

Little Marjory—Mamma, what is a spinster? Mother—A spinster, my dear, is a woman to be envied. But don't tell your father I said so.—Liverpool Mercury.

If you would be loved, love and be lovable.—Franklin.

Money to loan. See Blythe, Might building. 178-15p

CLASSIFIED

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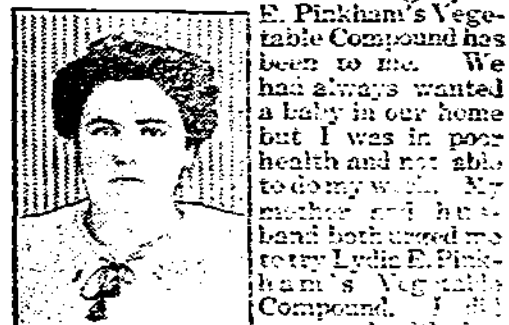
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Fritz Hiller,
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THE ROAD TO SUCCESS.

Fill Whatever Job You Hold to the
Best of Your Ability.

"In climbing the ladder of success what have you learned that you could pass on as aid to other struggling young men?" I asked H. P. Davidson of J. P. Morgan & Co. "Did you conceive any shining goal and bend everything to getting there?"

"No," he replied emphatically. "What ever job I had was to me always the very best job in the world, and I tried to do it. I made no elaborate plans for the future. If I had any system in my labor it was first to do my own work second, to teach the fellow below me how to take my place; third, to learn how to fill the position ahead of me."

"Boys and young men should not imagine that their work is so unimportant that nobody takes note of how they do it. It does not take long to find out whether a boy is on his toes watching how he can best be of help in a situation or whether he merely sits down and waits to be told what to do. The simple virtues of willingness, readiness, alertness and courtesy will carry a boy farther than mere smartness."

"Perhaps it will not be out of place for me to describe an incident which may carry a lesson for the young men who are anxious to help. One day when I was telling a customer offered me a very fine gold pen. I went right into the office and asked if this man had any loan from the bank. I explained that he had asked me to accept the gift. The bank promptly acted, and it was not long before the fellow was in bankruptcy. The simple course I took saved the bank a good deal of money."—R. C. Forbes in Leslie's.

EQUINE ARTFUL DODGERS.

Deafness and Lameness That Were
Just Pure Bluff.

We all know, of course, the livery nag who pretends to be deaf. You tell him to "get up," and he getteth not up; you clock to him, and he accelerateth not his pace. Is he deaf? Not he. You know, by a certain rolling of his eye and wiggling of his ears, that he hears you perfectly well. His deafness is pure bluff. It is like the lameness which some shrewd old nags sometimes put on.

Will a horse pretend to be lame when he is not? Some horses certainly will. Two or three years ago the Nomad was driving a livery nag on a road in Vermont, when the animal suddenly began to limp terribly; couldn't go off a slow walk. It was pretty serious, for a journey of about twenty miles had just been begun. Knowing a man on the road who was a practical horseman, the Nomad drove up to his door and submitted the animal to the expert's examination. The man looked at the horse's feet, examined his legs—looked him over thoroughly. "Did the horse go all right when you started out?" he asked. Yes, the horse had gone all right for three or four miles. "Well," said the expert, "this horse is shamming; there is nothing the matter with him."

Then he addressed some plain language to Dobbin, advising him with some sharpness to cut it all out and go along as he ought to. The Nomad touched the horse with the whip, and he trotted on to the end of the journey without the slightest limp.—Nomad in Boston Transcript.

Swearing on the Bible.

The method of swearing by the Bible came into use at a very early period, practically with the establishment of courts of law in Christian countries. It was the ordinary method of swearing when America was settled by Europeans and was naturally adopted here. Oaths were common before the Christian era, and any form may be used that conforms to the religious belief of the person to be sworn. He brews are often sworn on the Pentateuch, keeping on their hats, and their oath ends with the words, "So help me, Jehovah." A Mohammedan is sworn on the Koran.—Philadelphia Press.

He Made the Sale.

"Yes, the property is cheap enough. Why do you want to sell it?"
"You won't give me away?"
"No."
"Well, sir, it's because I'm the only man in this neighborhood that doesn't move in high society, and I'm lonesome."—Chicago Tribune

Sample.

"George didn't keep his engagement with me last night," said the girl who was betrothed to him.
"I'd give him a piece of my mind," said her mother.
"Just a little sample of married life," suggested father.—Cleveland Leader.

A Biting Sentiment.

You have to be careful even about paying compliments. Bill Mixer, who used to write ads. for a tobacco house, got himself in bad when he started writing copy for a butter concern and wrote "Guaranteed not to bite the tongue."—Boston Globe.

A Real Autocrat.

"Here's the photograph of a famous maître d'hôtel. He has a stern and hangnaggy look."
"Hasn't he, though? I dare say that fellow wouldn't unbend for any tip less than a \$100 bill."—Birmingham Age-Herald.

Car on the Brain.

"Do you know how to handle an emergency?"
"Is that going to be one of the new makes?"—Baltimore American.

The feeble howl with the wolves, bray with the asses and bleat with the sheep.—Roland.

THE INTERMINABLE DAVIS FAMILY

They All Desecrated the Family Honor

By M. QUAD

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"I think so," said Colonel Venables, "that the oldest established duelist ever had occurred to me a year after the war. I did not know Majah Davis until after peace came. Then he came to settle in the town where I lived."

"The majah had a good record as a soldier, and it happened that we soon became friends. The first time I saw him I noticed that the lobe of his right ear was partly gone, and I made up my mind that a bullet had indented the damage. Of course I didn't refer to it, and it was a couple of years before he made any explanation. One day as he sat in my office he made some allusion to his falling sight and added:

"Colonel Venables, there was a time and it was not long ago that I had the sight of an eagle. I think I had the best pair of eyes in the United States."

"I made some appropriate reply, and he went on:

"Colonel, I'll tell you how good my eyes were and see if you won't be astonished. At the battle of Cedar Mountain I sat on my horse directing the operations of my regiment when I saw a Yankee soldier beside a tree half a mile away. While I watched him he drew up his gun and aimed at me. I saw that he aimed to put a bullet between my eyes. Mind you, colonel, I saw all this as plain as I see you. I could not flinch before my regiment, and I had to sit in my saddle and await my doom. After a few seconds his gun was discharged. I saw the bullet coming straight for me, and I watched it until it was within two feet of my head. Then I dodged to the left to avoid it, but I did not dodge quite far enough, and as a consequence the bullet struck the lobe of my ear."

"That was indeed wonderful," I replied, thinking he had been drinking too much and was inclined to boast.

"Yes, sub," the majah went on, "I saw the bullet every foot of the way, and that's how good my eyes were. I'm rather afraid that they are losing their sight, although I saw a bird the other day which was at least flying a mile high."

"Then surely, majah, your eyes must be all right. You are the only man I ever met who had seen a bullet in its flight."

"But maybe you don't believe my statement, colonel," he retorted.

"Why, as you say you saw the bullet I am bound to believe you, although it was a rare thing. I myself have seen cannon balls flying about."

"Yes, sub, I saw that bullet, and the man who says I didn't means to insult me."

"I tried to turn the conversation into other channels, but the majah was obstinate and perverse and would not have it. After a minute or two he said:

"Colonel Venables, I want a direct answer from you. Do you believe the statement I made or do you not?"

"You might have possibly been mistaken, majah," I replied.

"That is enough, colonel," he stiffly said as he rose up. "I will send a friend to you, sub."

"There it was plain and straight, and within two hours the details of a duel had been arranged. We met and fought the next morning. The majah was a novice with the rapier, and I could have run him through within a minute. I did not wish him any hurt, however. I let him off with a scratch, and we went our ways. We would probably have been friends again, but within two weeks he caught the typhus fever and within a few days was dead. After about three months, a stranger entered my office one day and said that he had come to challenge me with a duel.

"Why, man, I never even saw your face before," I replied.

"But I am a brother of Majah Davis, whom you fought a few months ago. You must give me satisfaction."

"According to the code of honor, if you fought a duel with a man his relatives could take it up as long as they lasted. If the majah's brother thought that any stain had rested upon his record he had a right to challenge me. I selected pistols, and when we met in the grove I sent a ball through his shoulder, and his bullet grazed my hip."

"In about four weeks another stranger entered my office. His name was Davis, and he was a brother to the last one, and he had come upon the same errand. There was no hard feelings. We spoke very pleasantly, and I agreed to accept the challenge from him. I selected rapiers this time, and we wounded each other. He went away home, and I carried my arm in a sling for three or four weeks. Then, sub, came the fourth Davis. He was a brother to the others and a fine spoken man. I could not refuse his request, as he had made a journey of fifty miles to make it. I returned to pistols this time, and I wounded him in the side, and he wounded me above the right knee.

"It was perhaps three months when the fifth Davis brother made his call. When he had introduced himself I was so surprised that I called out:

"Heavens, man, have you come about that old duel?"

"With a smile he replied that he had and that he hoped I would give him early satisfaction."

"Is there no end to the Davis brothers? I politely asked.

"He told me that there were three more to come, and would you believe it, sub, I was obliged to fight them all!"

How to Find Fault.
It is not difficult to find fault, because there is so much of it lying around. That's where the difficulty comes in. There is no honor or distinction in finding fault that anybody else can find and everybody else has found.

If you want to be a success at fault-finding you must branch out on fresh lines, use new and ingenious methods and find fault that has never been found before. Where is the honor in finding fault with your wife's biscuits, or with the fact that dinner is late, or other such daily occurrences? But only let some budding scientist find a modicum of fault with the inexactitude of the isothermal lines as evidenced by the cross currents of the Martian canals, and he is in a fair way to accumulate unto himself both fame and fortune.

In brief, then, it is with finding fault as with everything else—be not commonplace.—Life.

New York City Garbage Disposal.

The method of garbage disposal in New York city is as follows:
Garbage, placed in separate cans by householders, is collected in city vehicles and transported to dumps along the water fronts of Manhattan, the Bronx and Brooklyn, where it is placed upon contractors' scows.

A lined scow is towed to a reduction plant on Barren Island, in Jamaica Bay, where the material is cooked, the grease extracted and the tankage or soiled matter dried. Grease is sold for soap making, etc., and tankage is used as fertilizer. The moisture only is wasted.

The contractor's work begins at the dumps, and for the privilege of receiving the 400,000 tons of garbage per annum the contractor is obliged by agreement to pay the city an average sum of \$97,000 per year for a term of five years.—New York Times.

Three Places to Watch.

Political regeneration must start in a quickening of the civic conscience. Men in larger numbers must begin to take a deepened interest in political policies and programs. The three places which should be kept in the mind's eye evermore are the city hall, the state capitol and Washington city. What the representatives of the people are thinking and saying and doing should be closely scrutinized and scrupulously judged. When our newspapers pass out of the semi-barbaric stage of newspaper development they will devote less space to accident and gossip and crime and lay before the public day by day in ampler fullness the doings of our aldermen, our assemblymen and our congressmen.—Woman's Home Companion.

Superiority of the Past.

We hear from the best authorities that the classics are not studied as they used to be. This does not surprise us, because it has been equally true of every age. For instance, Bishop Berkeley, discoursing in 1744 "on the virtues of tar water" and other things that came into his mind, said: "In these free thinking times many an empty head is shook at Aristotle and Plato as well as at the Holy Scriptures." * * * In these days that depth of that old learning is rarely fathomed. This reminds us of the political debate in a corner grocery where one of the village sages remarked, "Jimson is not the man he used to be," and another responded, "No, and he never was."—Independent.

Prose Period.

"Here's a postal card from my husband," remarked Mrs. Dobson. "He's out of town, you know."
"What does he say?" asked Mrs. Dubwaite.
"An well. Home Tuesday." Four words! And when that man was courting me he used to write me poetry by the yard.—Birmingham Age-Herald.

A Double Barreled Scheme.

"Better buy some stock in my proposed copper mine. The operating expenses will be unusually low."

"Why so?"

"I am going to work it in connection with a school of mines and let the students do the digging."—Spokane Review.

Not the Same.

Tess—He said I looked handsome in that gown, didn't he? Jess—Not exactly. He said that gown looked handsome on you.—Exchange.

Foolish Question.

Mrs. Culshaw—Did you see any of the old masters while you were abroad? Mrs. Newrich—Mercy, no. They are all dead.—Exchange.

PRACTICAL HEALTH HINT.

Sunshine Destroys Germs.
The clothing we wear harbors myriads of disease germs. This is especially true of woolen garments. Cotton and silk do not retain germs so readily as wool and are therefore more suitable for clothing to be worn during exposure to illness. Nurses are obliged to wear cotton garments when in attendance upon the sick. To destroy germs in clothing there is nothing more potent than bright sunlight and air. Hang clothing, blankets, quilts, etc., outdoors where the sun and wind may beat upon them for several hours, and disease germs lurking in their meshes will be destroyed.

Kingsland, N. J., Munitions Explosion



Underwood & Underwood Photo.

When the munitions plant of the Canadian Car and Foundry Company at Kingsland, N. J., blew up last Thursday night it rocked the country for twenty miles around, rained shells on hundreds of homes in nearby villages and caused a financial loss of \$16,750,000. The upper picture shows a shell hole in the kitchen of the Lackawanna Hotel, with the shell that entered the room shown on the chair. This Allied shell found a German mark, Proprietor Erhrich of the Lackawanna Hotel being a former German army officer. The lower picture shows the plant, a few minutes after the first explosion, obscured by the clouds of smoke that rose from the burning acids and explosives.

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